

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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ASSURANCE OF COMPLETED VEND OF VENDIBLE ITEMS FROM  
VENDING MACHINES  
  
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

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